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Re: Application of Kazufumi YAZAKI, Hirobumi AOKI and Harumi KAMACHI  
METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAIN WHICH  
HIGHLY EXPRESSES EXOGENOUS GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI  
MUTANT STRAINS SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING ENZYMES AND COMPOUNDS USING THE SAME  
**Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.**  
Our Ref: Q88235

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ two (2) sheets of drawings (figs. 1-2).
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, an International Search Report, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☒ A Receipt in the Case of an Original Deposit and English language translation thereof
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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Total claims	<u>19</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$200.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										<u>\$300.00</u>
Search Fee*										<u>\$400.00</u>
Examination Fee*										<u>\$200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>										<u>\$900.00</u>
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<b><u>TOTAL FEE</u></b>										<u>\$940.00</u>

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

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